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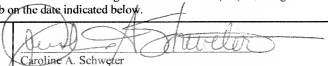
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This patent, U.S. Patent No. 7,131,482 (first page attached), is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 7,036,555 (first page attached).

The foreign priority claim and submission of the foreign priority document were timely in the parent patent (U.S. Patent No. 7,036,555) and the priority data are correctly entered for the parent application/patent as:


**GB 9918350.1 (Great Britain) filed August 5, 1999**

As a continuation, this patent (U.S. Patent No. 7,131,482) is entitled to the same foreign priority data as the parent. The foreign priority claim for this patent and receipt of the priority document were acknowledged during prosecution by the Examiner in the Office action mailed 09/19/2005 (first 2 pages attached).

This patent (U.S. Patent No. 7,131,482) was printed without noting the foreign priority claim on its face, and the patentee requested a Certificate of Correction with respect to the foreign priority data. The request was denied (copies attached).

The patentee hereby respectfully petitions for the foreign priority data (**GB 9918350.1 (Great Britain) filed August 5, 1999**) to be perfected and for the issuance of a Certificate of Correction for this patent.

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(45) **Date of Patent:** **\*Nov. 7, 2006**(54) **DISTRIBUTOR DEVICE FOR USE IN METAL CASTING**(75) Inventors: **Mark Vincent, Leighton Buzzard (GB); Sylvain Tremblay, Jonquiere (CA)**(73) Assignee: **Pyrotek Engineering Materials Limited, Milton Keynes (GB)**

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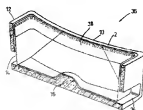
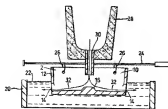
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A distributor device for use in aluminium casting includes a refractory, substantially bowl-shaped receptacle (2) of a refractory material having a base member (4) and a peripheral wall (6) that extends upwards from the base. The receptacle has an inlet opening (8) towards the upper end thereof and a pair of outlet openings (14) towards the base thereof. The device is constructed and arranged such that, in use, molten aluminium poured into the distributor device through the inlet opening (8) is redirected by the distributor device and flows outwards into the mould through the outlet openings (14).

**29 Claims, 5 Drawing Sheets**



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**(45) Date of Patent: May 2, 2006****(54) DISTRIBUTOR DEVICE FOR USE IN METAL CASTING****(75) Inventors:** Mark Vincent, Leighton Buzzard (GB);  
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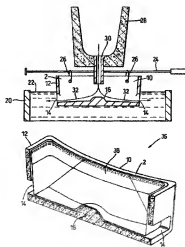
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/048,695.
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- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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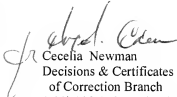
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Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction.

Review of the application file has revealed the omission of the Foreign Priority data on the printed patent as a result of applicant's failure to fully comply with 35 U.S.C. 119, in that conditional requirements were not met. Applicant's attention is directed to MPEP 201.14(a), 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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